

THE MEDINA SENTINEL

VOL. XXXI THE MEDINA SENTINEL, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1914. No. 17

N. O. Company Enjoys Delay

Residents of Medina, as well as Akron, are becoming impatient over the delay of the State Utilities Commission in arriving at a decision as to whether or not the Northern Ohio railroad shall operate two additional trains a day.

In the early part of October, the railroad commission held a public hearing on the case in Medina. The last step taken was the filing of briefs in writing by the attorneys for the patrons and the railroad company with the commission.

In the briefs filed with the public service commission, Attorney Arthur Van Epp represents the petitioners, and John B. Cockrum the railroad.

At the hearing in October testimony showed that the train service on the Northern Ohio is inadequate, the company offering as its excuse that more trains would not pay. Mr. Van Epp does not accept the statement that the additional trains would be run at a loss. He says that the six months' experiment of several years ago that failed to pay does not mean that the same results would follow now. He points out that when, about a year ago, there was an agitation for more trains it was found that the carrying of milk alone would pay a substantial part of the cost. He concludes this part of his argument thus: "Their plea, (the railroads) would seem more meritorious if some honest effort had been made by them to build up a business along this line of railroad that would be profitable, but instead of that they demand that the public guarantee a certain profitable amount of business before adequate service is provided."

The Northern Ohio railroad is leased and operated by the Lake Erie and Western Railroad Co., for 999 years. The fact that the Northern Ohio is maintained as a separate organization for which separate books are kept, does not, in Mr. Van Epp's opinion, make it any less a part of the Lake Erie and Western system. And Mr. Van Epp also contends that as the law declares that "every public utility must furnish and provide necessary and adequate service," the Northern Ohio should be compelled to comply with the law, even though such compliance would force the company into a receivership.

The answering brief of John B. Cockrum, general attorney for the L. E. & Western and Northern Ohio, covers 14 typewritten pages. He says: "The defendant has admitted the deplorable financial condition it is in, and has admitted the inferior service performed by it, all due to its financial inability to provide better service, and regrets exceedingly that it must come to the commission with this tale of poverty and show the impossibility of the things desired of."

"There are no earnings from the operation of this road, of any kind, that can be used to furnish additional service, and this being true, I cannot conceive how it would be possible for the commission to make an order that would require any additional service on this company under the circumstances."

LATER—Prosecuting Attorney Van Epp received notification Thursday morning from Columbus that the public utilities commission had refused the application of the Medina Chamber of Commerce to compel the Northern Ohio railroad company to put additional trains on its line through Medina.

ESCAPED UNINJURED

An auto accident occurred on North Court street Monday morning which, though only breaking the machine, might easily have resulted in serious injury to the occupants. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hallock and two children of Lakewood. They had spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Kimmell and were on their way home when the accident occurred. In attempting to turn out for a south bound car on the electric line, and when in front of the residence of O. O. Van Deusen, the auto skidded and shot directly down a rather precipitous depression on the east side of the street. The wind shield was smashed, the steering rod bent and the machine otherwise damaged, and although Mrs. Hallock and children were transferred from the back seat to the front by the impact, they escaped uninjured.

NEW CASE

Clarence Beck vs. J. C. Beck and Ray Welday, action for money only. The case is one wherein plaintiff sues to collect a promissory note for \$200 and interest from Nov. 24, 1913. A. Van Epp is attorney for plaintiff.

Home Lectures at LeRoy

The subject of Home Economics is commanding the attention of a larger number of people in Ohio this year than ever before. It is being taught for the first time in many rural schools and is to form a very important part of the Extension School to be held at LeRoy during the week beginning on Dec. 28 to Jan. 1. Many subjects of particular interest to the making of comfortable and happy homes will be treated by persons who are making the study of such subjects their life's work. The housewives and would-be housewives in this vicinity are fortunate in having an opportunity to hear these subjects presented by the ladies from the College of Agriculture who have been secured for this purpose. There will be a continuous program each day from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Among the subjects that will be treated in the Home Makers' Course will be the selection and preparation of various kinds and cuts of meats; the place that meat should fill in our home table; the care and various uses of eggs; the selection of materials and their preparation for the baking of bread; the use of vegetables and salads; the planning of meals for the different seasons; home decoration; household management; and food standards. It is, therefore, evident that some attention is being paid to the feeding of our families. It is certainly gratifying to many of us that the quality, the variety and the preparation of our own food is to receive equal consideration as the feeding of calves and pigs.

Another feature of the Home Makers' Course of the Extension School is the fact that instruction is to be given on how to make the home more beautiful. It may be a common fault among us that we pay too little attention to making our home and its surroundings attractive.

Death Claims Delia Alden

A long and blameless life was ended Saturday night, December 15, at 9:15 o'clock, when the spirit of Miss Delia Alden winged its flight at her old home, 108 Public Square. Miss Alden had been in usual good health until the Tuesday preceding her death, when she suffered a stroke of paralysis. She never regained consciousness.

No better known woman resided in Medina. For many years she was a successful educator in Medina and a large number of men and women are now living here whose early instruction was directed by the noble woman who is gone.

The deceased was born in Guilford township January 26, 1838, and lacked only a month of having rounded out 78 years. She was one of five children born to William H. and Sarah Alden. Only two of that family are now living—Sidney and Susan, the latter having been a lifelong companion of her sister Delia. The only other relative living is a nephew, Charles Selkirk. Delia Alden was a staunch Christian lady; highly intelligent, cultured and was respected by all who knew her. She will be missed not only by the remaining members of the family, but by a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Wm. V. Edwards of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Interment will be made in Spring Grove cemetery.

BOYS' POULTRY EXHIBITS

The State Board of Agriculture deserves great credit for interesting the boys in the growing of corn, but why not give them equal encouragement in the raising of better poultry, asks the Poultry Record. Prizes especially for boys at the Mid-winter fair and the annual state fair would stimulate their interests in poultry keeping, and incidentally give them increased in-

Creston Has \$15,000 Fire

Fire believed to be of incendiary origin Sunday night destroyed the basket factory of the Pape-Blair Co., in Creston causing a loss of \$15,000. The building was burned to the ground.

The fire broke out shortly before 9 o'clock in the evening. When firemen arrived the blaze was beyond control. Very little insurance was carried on the building and contents which was almost a total loss.

Belief that the factory was set on fire is supported by the report that the building was burning in three different places when the fire was discovered. The plant has been shut down for the last two weeks and for two days there had been no fire in the building.

The principal loss was upon a stock of baskets valued at \$10,000. A \$3,000 automobile truck was also burned. The basket factory employs about 25 hands, who are thrown out of work as a result of the fire.

DIVORCES STILL POPULAR

The court records show another divorce case filed Saturday, wherein Iva E. Hisey desires that the court free her from her husband, John R. Hisey. The couple were married in Boston in January, 1908, and have two children—Winton G., 5, and Maxwell K., 3. The wife also asks the court to give her the custody of the children and such relief as may be deemed proper. Plaintiff seeks divorce on the grounds of willful neglect and failure to provide, which she avers defendant has been guilty of since March 1, 1913. Attorneys Frank Heath and Frank Spelman represent plaintiff in her suit.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Park Crocker was the Medina county boy who was awarded a free scholarship in the agricultural college of the Ohio State University by Pres. A. P. Sandles of the state agricultural commission. The winners in the Ohio boys' corn growing contest are one from each county. One exception is Mary Utterbach, a Carroll county girl, who raised 82 bushels to the acre. She will take a course in domestic science at the university.

Scholarships will be awarded each year to the winner on the same basis as this year, making it possible for each county to be represented by three prize winners each year.

The courses provided by the scholarship is a three-year one. The cash value is \$60.

The Summit county winner is Harley Brunsell of Copley, who raised 85 bushels of shelled corn on one acre of ground, and the Portage county prize winner is Geo. Converse.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Mason Cockrell to Adrian Geunen, Harrisville, 12 acres, \$800.

M. and Alfred Evans to Jesse Wait, 24 acres, Brunswick, \$700.

Ada A. Richards et al. to I. W. and F. E. Gilbert, lot 35, Litchfield, \$1.

Newton N. Reese to V. A. Vandermark, lot 13, Lafayette, \$75.

Same to C. D. Vandermark, lot 13 Lafayette, \$1.

Isaac Slanker to Noah L. Springer et al., 130.42 acres, \$10,000.

Harry Street to Irving Gilbert, lot 20, Litchfield, \$1.

A. R. Strahan to Mary L. Strahan, lot 25, Litchfield, \$1200.

Village of Leroy to J. A. Norton, cemetery lot, Leroy village, \$10.

John Winters to Spencer Mfg. Co., 4.75 acres, Spencer, \$5.

PRIZES FOR DAIRYMEN

A total of \$625 in premiums is offered for exhibits of milk, cream, butter, and cheese at the convention of the Ohio State Dairymen's Association, which will be held January 11 to 14, in Columbus, O. Special prizes are offered to students in Agriculture courses, in high schools and colleges. Milk and cream must be produced December 28, and entries for the other products close January 1. Those interested should write to

Double Theft at Dance Hall

A double theft took place in the cloak room of the I. O. O. F. hall last Friday night while a dance was in progress on the main floor. Mrs. Zoe Boulit had her purse taken again and Miss Florence Hewes lost a set of furs valued at \$75. No clue to the identity of the thieves has been discovered. A wild rumor gained currency a day or so after the robbery, but it was exploded so thoroughly and so quickly that it has not been heard of since. Mrs. Boulit was relieved of her purse while en-route to Cleveland on an inter-urban car a few weeks ago. She regained it, however, and the youth who took it served out a sentence. Her financial loss this time was about \$10. It seems improbable that any one living in Medina would have committed the theft and entertained any hope of remaining here with their pelf, particularly the furs.

C & S. W. MAY LIGHT LODI

The Southwestern company may furnish light and power to Lodi residences and business places for which a contract will be signed by the Lodi council soon.

The village contract with C. L. V. Williams ran out last July and recently the village agreed to renew his contract for five years from last July. As yet the village and Williams have not signed the agreement.

A representative of the Southwestern was in Lodi recently and it is reported that the company secured an option on the plant operated by Williams. If the Southwestern exercises the right of its option, it may soon be furnishing electric light and power in Lodi.

SETTLED FOR \$3,000

Charles Hobart received a telegram from F. W. Woods dated at Camden, N. J., Monday afternoon, conveying the information that he and F. O. Phillips, attorneys for Miss Vera Hobart, had effected a settlement in her case against the railroad of New Jersey for \$3,000. This case grew out of the well-known Schlachbach accident of a year and a half ago, when Mrs. Ross Schlachbach and child were instantly killed by a special train running into the automobile in which they were riding. Miss Hobart was in the auto at the time, seated with Mr. Schlachbach on the front seat. She was badly bruised and has never fully recovered from the shock sustained. In settling with Miss Hobart for \$3,000, the company also made a settlement with Mr. Schlachbach for \$1,000. While both parties sued for larger amounts, it was the judgment of the attorneys that it were better to settle for a lesser amount out of court.

PROBATE COURT

Bond filed and approved in the land sale in guardianship of Myrtle Woolridge and others. Order of sale issued.

Order of notice in land sale in the guardianship of Asa W. and Gail Dean returned and filed.

Maude E. Dyer appointed executor of will of Julia M. Dyer.

Proof filed of notice of publication of accounts set for hearing on Jan. 9, '14.

First and final account filed in estate of Caroline J. Arnold.

First partial account filed in estate of Amasa L. Clapp.

Will of F. D. McMillan admitted to probate. Widower elects to take under the will.

Inventory filed in estate of Henry G. Koppes.

Will of John P. Steffens admitted to probate. Citation issued to widow to make her election.

Hearing had in sale of real estate in guardianship of Asa W. and Gail Dean. Sale found necessary and order of appraisal issued.

Affidavits filed charging Z. Lajas and O. Voitko with receiving and carrying liquor under a false and fictitious name. Warrants to arrest issued. Defendants arraigned, plead

Together For Sixty Years

On February 22, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Harris of Lodi, will have been married sixty years. All of their married life has been spent in the same house, known as the Harris home, fronting on Central park, in the central part of the village.

Nelson Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris, was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Jennie, at Litchfield, O., February 22, 1855. They came immediately to Lodi.

To them were born four children, two daughters and two sons, one of the daughters now living in Akron and the other three children living with or near their parents in Lodi.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have always been considered as being among the highly esteemed citizens of the village, and are one of the wealthiest families. They are enjoying fairly good health and take much pleasure in meeting their numerous friends.

Since going to Lodi sixty years ago they have seen and participated in many developments in the community, and have noted the development from a small trading point to the fine modern village that it now is. They have seen the passage of the old stagecoach and the coming of the steam and trolley lines; they have gone from days of burning the tallow dip in their home to the use of electricity and natural gas for lighting; from the use of the old-fashioned one-horse vehicle to the modern auto. Not only have they seen these developments, but they have also used and enjoyed all the comforts that are obtainable.

Mr. Harris was the only child in of nine children, four of whom are the family, and Mrs. Harris was one living.

In looking up the Harris history, it is noticed the peculiarity or rather coincidence, which the number eleven plays.

The difference in the ages of Judge and Mrs. Joseph Harris, grandparents of Nelson Harris, was eleven years and they died just eleven years apart.

How Indirect Taxes Are Levied

The average Ohio citizen possesses a very vague and often erroneous idea of how indirect taxes are levied, which means the amount of taxes paid in excise or corporation taxes. No Ohio taxpayer pays into his county treasury any portion of this indirect tax. These semi-annual payments in to county treasuries are all direct taxes. Such taxes are the combined results of the levies made by the state, county, township and village or city. These divisions make annual levies to meet their direct needs and the total for all is the annual tax rate on each dollar of taxable property. After the treasurer makes his collections the money is distributed according to their respective levies to the state, village, township and schools.

Every taxpayer ought to inform himself as to the uses made of the money he pays into his county treasury as taxes. For instance, if you pay one dollar in taxes you have a right to know what was done with your dollar, and it is your own fault if you do not. Striking an average of all direct taxation in 1914, the following table shows how each dollar paid in taxes is expended this year:

For common school purposes	\$0.30
For city and village purposes	.28
For county purposes	.21
For township purposes	.06
For special and local purposes	.08
For state, roads, etc.	.07

Total

\$1.00

POOR OLD "DADDY"

Joe Butcher says his father-in-law has been troubled with insomnia of late and some boob told him to eat heartily before going to bed, so he tried it. His wife made him a Welsh rabbit. He ate it all right and went to bed. Let him tell the rest:

"It worked fine. I went to sleep immediately. Then a blue bull with yellow horns and fire eyes snorted at me over the stone wall and dared me to come up and fight. So I picked up a stone to throw at him, and then

Watch What You Throw in Sewer

Ever since Medina has had a sewerage system the superintendent of sewers has had an endless amount of trouble in removing obstructions that are brought about by insoluble refuse collecting at certain points. Much of this material should never have found its way into the sewers in the first place. Probably the majority of users are already careful, but since it is impossible to know who the careless ones are, it has seemed wise to make this public protest for, no doubt, most of the abuses of the sewers come about through ignorance or thoughtlessness, rather than through indifference as to the results.

The superintendent of sewers the past season has removed from the sewers old rags, bunches of newspapers, wads of hair, hair-pins, matches, coffee grounds, potato parings, and even entrails of chickens and other garbage. This would indicate that there are some who believe that anything which will flush out of sight, is all right to put into the sewer. It should be distinctly understood that our sewerage system is not a garbage disposal plant.

Not a scrap of newspaper, or any other heavy paper, should be thrown into the closet, and it goes without saying that this is true also of old rags, etc. Such material if it finds its way into the main sewer in the street is sure to make trouble somewhere on the line.

Only recently a peck basketfull of lemon skins were raked out of one of the sewers. This amounts to almost criminal carelessness.

Another abuse is allowing conductors or pipes from roofs to empty into the sanitary sewer. The sewers are not designed to hold a large volume of water during a heavy rain storm. That quite a number of property owners have violated this rule is proven by the fact that, in several places in town, during a heavy storm the water gushes out of the manholes in the streets, showing that the sewer is flooded. There might be some chance for water to seep into the sewers from the surface through leaks, but this would take some time and the amount of water leaking in would be small. In many places it is possible to observe a rush of water in the sewers in a very few minutes after it starts raining. Last spring several cellars were flooded by water backing up through cellar drains from the sewer, during a time when it had been raining several days. This is a very serious matter, and it is hoped that every property owner will see to it that his roof conductor pipes lead into storm drains or sewers, and not into the sanitary sewers.

If these abuses are not stopped, it will be necessary, for the sake of the health and safety of the general public, to take steps to find the guilty ones, (which is not a difficult matter) and put an end to the trouble at once, by denial of the use of the sewers.

Flour on Way to Belgium

Two hundred and seventy-five barrels of flour, grown and ground in Medina county, was loaded onto a car here last Saturday and left the fore part of the week for Philadelphia, from which port it will start on its way across the sea about Christmas day to the war sufferers of Belgium. The carload of flour is Medina county's expression of Christian brotherhood. It cost \$1400, which amount was contributed by men, women and children from all over the county. Incidentally it may be stated, too, that Medina county bears the distinction of being the first and only county in Ohio to initiate a foreign relief movement. The promoters of this benevolent idea, no less than those who so generously contributed toward its consummation, are to be congratulated.

WAR "VET" DROPS DEAD

Andrew Herrington, 73, of Wadsworth, dropped dead Tuesday morning while examining a horse for medical treatment at the William Day farm on the diagonal road. Heart disease caused his death.

Mr. Herrington was a civil war veteran, having been a member of Co. B, in the famous Garfield regiment, the 42nd Ohio. He was for many years marshal of Wadsworth village and constable of the township. He is survived by a widow, three daughters and a son.

DAMAGED

MATERIAL

871120